

“ her honour,” and that they would, “ in the mere point of honour, even help out her Ministers :” also confident that those persons who are authorized by America to treat of peace, notwithstanding the accounts received, and opinions formed, by the Ministers, are, though enemies, *men of honour and good faith*; and conscious that he was known, both in England and America, known by his insignificance, never to have written, spoken in Parliament, or acted in any one instance, *on party grounds*, in this great question respecting America, did presume to think he could meet these persons *on grounds of agreement*, preparatory and preliminary to definitive treaty in a general congress of the Powers of Europe. The persons who must have acted in this, not being such as the Ministers *could advise the acting with*, all consideration of the measures proposed was precluded.

As the very idea of suffering those persons to communicate, who could perhaps have met *on grounds of agreement*, whereon negotiation in all its forms might hereafter have advanced, was inadmissible by the Ministers, the Memorialist did not communicate *the line of treaty*, nor *the points* through which that line might have been drawn. As he did not find himself